

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (157-14335)

DATE: 4/25/73

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-1403) (P)

SUBJECT: UNITED FRONT OF CAIRO
CAIRO, ILLINOIS
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Re Bureau letters to Springfield dated ^{per 204} 3/15 and 4/11/73.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and four copies of an LHM captioned as above. Information copies of LHM are also furnished interested offices.

This LHM sets forth in concise format the names of subscribers of telephone numbers which were contacted by the United Front of Cairo (UFC) during the period of June through December, 1972.

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Will continue to utilize to identify individuals and organizations being contacted by the UFC.

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Springfield, Illinois
April 25, 1973

UNITED FRONT OF CAIRO
CAIRO, ILLINOIS

A source advised on June 26, 1972, that the United Front of Cairo (UFC) is a predominantly black organization which has been utilizing a boycott of white merchants in Cairo, Illinois, since August, 1969. In addition to the boycott which has been thus far relatively ineffective, members of the United Front of Cairo have intentionally instituted shooting from Pyramid Courts Housing Project in apparent effort to initiate a confrontation with Cairo police and other established authorities or to secure publicity as a result of shooting incidents.

Charles Enlow Koen is the Executive Director of the UFC.

Confidential Source 1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised during March, 1973, that the UFC had been in contact with the following individuals and/or organizations, although source was unable to ascertain the reason for contact.

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UNITED FRONT OF CAIRO
CAIRO, ILLINOIS

[redacted] Richard "Dick" Gregory,
1451 East 55th Street, Chicago, Illinois, telephone
number 312-324-0938, a well-known civil rights activist
who publically endorses civil disobedience, was contacted
by representatives of the UFC.

On at least seven occasions representatives of
the UFC were in contact with [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, telephone number [redacted]
[redacted] or [redacted] also known as [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, telephone
number [redacted]

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Both [redacted] are known affiliates
of the Black Panther Party, Chicago, Illinois.

The Black Panther Party (BPP) is a black
extremist organization started in Oakland,
California, in December, 1966. It has advocated
the use of guns and guerrilla tactics to bring
about the overthrow of the United States Government.

During [redacted] representatives
of the UFC were in contact with [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, telephone number [redacted]
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On at least four occasions between [redacted]
[redacted] the UFC was in contact with [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, telephone number [redacted]
[redacted]

During [redacted] the UFC
contacted [redacted] an associate of [redacted]
[redacted] supra, telephone number [redacted]

Representatives of the UFC on at least three
occasions were in contact with [redacted]
[redacted] Louis, Missouri, telephone number [redacted]



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Kansas City, Missouri

January 7, 1972

CONGRESS OF AFRICAN PEOPLES (CAP) *Informant*

[redacted] on November 13, 1971, advised on the evening of August 27, 1971, she was listening to a local radio station which has the numbers KCUR-FM. She usually listens to this station as they play music, and on this particular evening, this was the case. The normal program was interrupted and a speaker, the name of which she did not recall, was introduced by a student at the University of Missouri at Kansas City. This individual then began a speech which in her opinion indicated he was definitely against the form of Government now in operation in the United States. She therefore became quite alarmed and as a result decided to tape this speech. At the conclusion of his speech, the name of which she never did hear, she decided to mail this tape to the FBI since this speech appeared to be the highlights of a three day black political convention held in August sometime, in Boston, Massachusetts. ✓

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The following is a synopsis of the three speeches on this tape: ✓

The first speaker, whose name is not audible, indicates the African man must create a political structure. "This can only be done through a black independent political party like the Democrats and Republicans." "You must create a political party to get power." "You can get power this way or go and shoot President Nixon." If you decide to go and shoot President Nixon, the speaker indicates he will be present, but indicates the best course of action is through political power. To have political power, the blacks must run blacks for all elective offices. ✓

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CONGRESS OF AFRICAN PEOPLES (CAP)

The second speaker, whose name also is inaudible, indicates those in attendance can solve their problems by becoming involved in politics. "This is how the blacks straightened out the South." "Whites are mean and will continue to be mean until the meanness is run out of them through political action."

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A female voice indicates the next speaker will be [redacted] After several inaudible words an individual begins speaking who possibly is [redacted] This person indicates, "There are five black power houses in Alabama, four sheriffs and one probate judge." This speaker also indicates that those in attendance at this convention, which he indicates as possibly being held in Boston, are serious about the black problem they should come to Mobile, Alabama, on August 13, 14 and 15, for the Southern Black Cause. He indicates Dick Gregory, to help the cause, will be there. This speaker also indicates a need for more black politicians "so the papers can be shuffled to help the blacks and not the whites."

This tape ends by a female voice saying, "This is 89.3 on your FM dial, KCUR-FM serving greater Kansas City, Missouri."

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On December 13, 1971, KC T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised only one edition of the newspaper entitled "News CAP" has been published. The second edition has not yet been published but will be by a firm in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the name of which is unknown to him at this time.

Source further advised that no editions of this paper were sold in the Kansas City area, but the first edition was mailed to the delegates who attended the convention of the Congress of African Peoples in Atlanta, Georgia, in September 1970.

The CAP, headquartered in Boston, Massachusetts, was founded as a black separatist organization in Atlanta, Georgia, in September 1970, at the fourth annual gathering of advocates of black power in the United States. CAP's basic goal is the global expression of black nationalism through the promotion of Pan-Africanism. CAP seeks the creation of a political force capable of seizing power from the existing political force through massive programs of disruption, violence, if necessary, and the establishment of independent black institutions.

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